

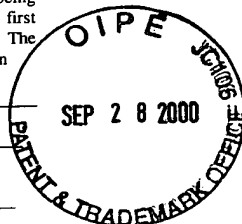
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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In the Application of:

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Serial No.: 09/171049

: Group Art Unit 1771

Filed: October 12, 1998

: Examiner: C. Pratt

For: ABSORBENT MATERIALS HAVING
IMPROVED STRUCTURAL
STABILITY IN DRY AND WET
STATES AND MAKING METHODS
THEREFORE

RESPONSE TO OFFICIAL ACTION DATED 6/21/00

The Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated June 21, 2000, Applicants hereby submit the following Response.

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AMENDMENTS

In the Specification

Please amend the specification at page 7, line 22, by deleting the term "first" and inserting therefor -primary--.

Please amend the specification at page 7, line 23, by deleting the term "second" and inserting therefor -secondary--.

Please amend the specification at page 7, line 24 by deleting the term "third" and inserting therefor -tertiary--.